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17 MR. HALSTEAD: For the record, I
18 am Bob Halstead, shorter than the last speaker,
19 transportation advisor for the State of Nevada
20 Agency for Nuclear Projects.

21 Earlier this evening a representative of
22 Florida Governor Jeb Bush stated that Governor Bush

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1 had discussed the desirability of a centralized
2 interim storage facility for spent fuel with
3 Governor Kenny Guinn of Nevada.

4 Now, since Governor Kenny Guinn of Nevada
5 has made it clear on many occasions that he is
6 opposed to both interim storage and geologic
7 disposal of spent nuclear fuel in Nevada, I can only
8 infer that Governor Bush's representative was
9 telling us that Governor Bush was seeking Governor
10 Guinn's support for a centralized interim storage
11 facility in Florida.

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12 I would like to state for the record that
13 Nevada would happily support a volunteer proposal
14 for a private sector interim storage facility in
15 Florida or any other state that cares to step
16 forward and that the Department of Energy should
17 consider Governor Bush's generous proposal to accept
18 such a private sector facility as a substitute for
19 the currently unacceptable no action proposal in the
20 draft DEIS.

21 You may think initially that this is a
22 facetious proposal, but, in fact, private sector

1 cont. 1 centralized interim storage is one of the solutions
2 which is currently being offered by a number of
3 groups in the United States, including proposals to
4 site such a facility at the Skull Valley Indian
5 Reservation in Utah and there are other proposals in
6 the state of Wyoming.

7 And in respect for the sensibility of the
8 last speaker that DOE has been beaten up enough on
9 the failure of their NEPA effort here and that they
10 should be congratulated on some of the successes, I
11 too will say, as I have said earlier today, that

2 12 while there are many things in this document that
13 the State of Nevada opposes and will continue to
14 critique, there are also a number of elements, like
15 the discussion of transportation, terrorism risks,
16 that we think is a move in the right direction.

3 17 A further move in the right direction is
18 to look at that no action proposal, which I have not
19 come across anyone in this country who believes this
20 is a good NEPA no action proposal, and one of the
21 areas to work on is private sector centralized
22 interim storage.

4 1 Finally, [I would like to clarify Nevada's
2 concern about reviewing the routes used in the EIS,
3 which certainly is a very long subject, and my
4 response to the last speaker's comments are simply
5 this: The issue Nevada raised in Atlanta was that
6 the Department of Energy, in fulfilling its NEPA
7 obligations, had used actual shipping routes in its
8 impact analysis and then chosen not to reveal those
9 in the draft EIS, and our argument was if you have
10 used generic routes, you don't have an obligation to
11 reveal them, but if you have used specific routes,
12 and we would also hope they have identified the most
13 likely alternatives to those routes, then it is only
14 fair to reveal those so that the affected
15 stakeholders can make a decision for themselves
16 whether they think they are affected by this or
17 not.]

5... 18 And I too would like to thank the
19 Department of Energy team for the way that they have
20 stood in here today. It is a difficult course when
21 you have a hearing that starts at 11:00 in the
22 morning and runs into the evening, and I also would

5 cont. 1 like to take this opportunity to thank Barry and the
2 other people who have worked inside the room.

3 I think we should also not forget to thank
4 the people who have planned the logistics for these
5 meetings. I don't know if they are in the room or
6 outside trying to figure out how to get home
7 tonight, but, as a person who has arranged meetings
8 around the country, it is very difficult to do this
9 work.

10 So thank you all for giving us the
11 opportunity and you can be sure that we will take
12 full advantage of the future opportunities to tell
13 you about the State of Nevada's concerns. Thank
14 you.

15 MR. LAWSON: Thank you.

16 MS. BOOTH: Thank you.